Please add new Figures 7A and 7B, showing a hydraulic cylinder **106** and a hydraulic pressure source **108**.

COMMENTS

Figure 1B now depicts longitudinal ridges or edges **102** on the tapered tip. The longitudinal ridges **102** are supported in the originally filed specification. On page 12, lines 16 and 17, the specification states, "Longitudinal edges are optionally disposed on the conical surface of trocar or tip **18** to enhance tissue penetration". In addition, Claims 9, 10, and 11 of the originally filed application, state:

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said tapered tip or trocar includes axially disposed ridges to assist with tissue penetration.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said axially disposed ridges are sharp enough to cut tissue.

11. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said axially disposed ridges are blunted.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the proposed drawing change to Figure 1B.

New Figures 6A and 6B depict the jackscrew **102** and the motor **110** on the punch. The jackscrew is supported in the originally filed specification on page 11, lines 3 through 8. On page 11, lines 3 through 8, the originally filed specification states:

> "In another embodiment, the function of the spring **20** is replaced by a threaded jackscrew assembly. The shaft **14** is threaded and engages mating threads on the handle **20**. By rotating the handle **20**, the cutter **12** is rotated and simultaneously advanced proximally or distally in a positive displacement fashion."

The motor is supported in the originally filed specification on page 10, lines 1 through 8. On page 10, lines 1 through 8, the originally filed specification states:

> "Alternatively, the handle **20** may be rotated by a motor or gear motor which is electrically powered by a battery disposed either external to or internal to the punch **10**. External battery power is delivered to the motor through a cable with a plurality of conductors. On and off operation of the motor is controlled through a switch on the punch knob **24** or the handle **20**, by a foot switch, or by a sound activated switch."

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is introduced by the new Figures 6A and 6B.

New Figures 7A and 7B depict the hydraulic cylinder **106** and the hydraulic pressure supply **108** on the punch. The hydraulic cylinder and the hydraulic pressure supply are supported in the originally filed specification on page 11, lines 9 through 12. On page 11, lines 9 through 12, the originally filed specification states:

> "In yet another embodiment, the function of the spring **20** is replaced by a hydraulic cylinder and hydraulic pressure source with a valve or switch to control pressure into said cylinder."

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is introduced by the new Figures 7A and 7B.

In addition, the drawing sheet numbering has been revised to reflect the new number of drawing sheets.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is introduced by the proposed drawing changes and therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Applicant acknowledges the indication of drawing informality. Formal drawings will be prepared and filed upon issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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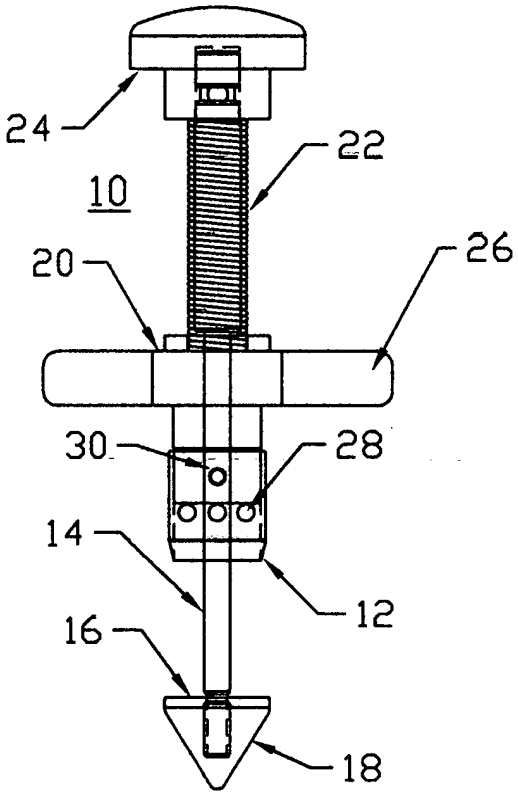
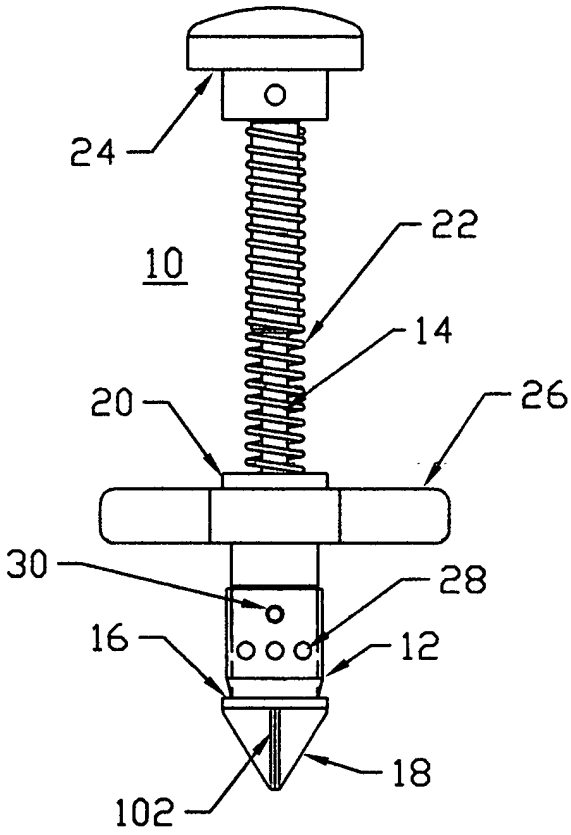


Figure 1A



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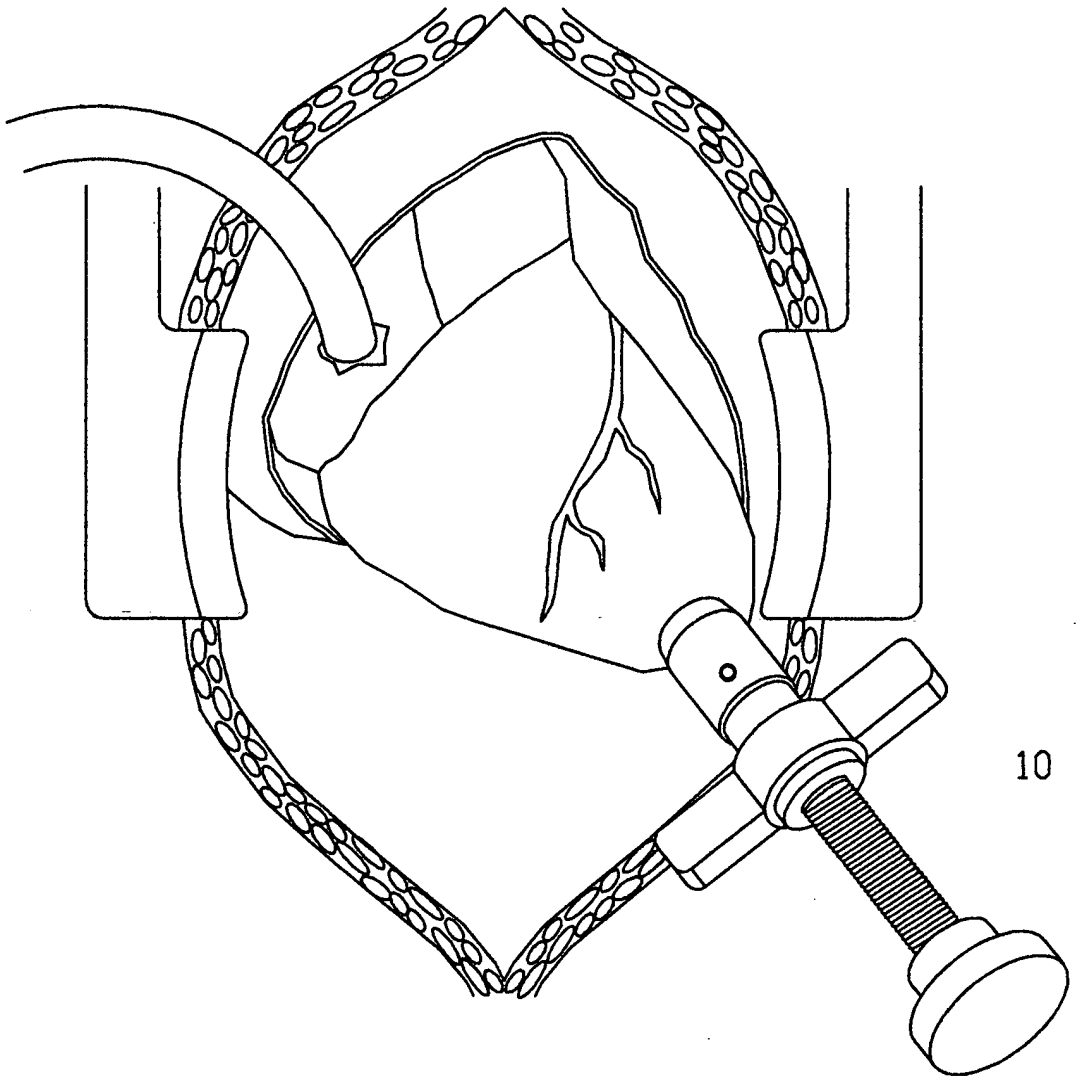

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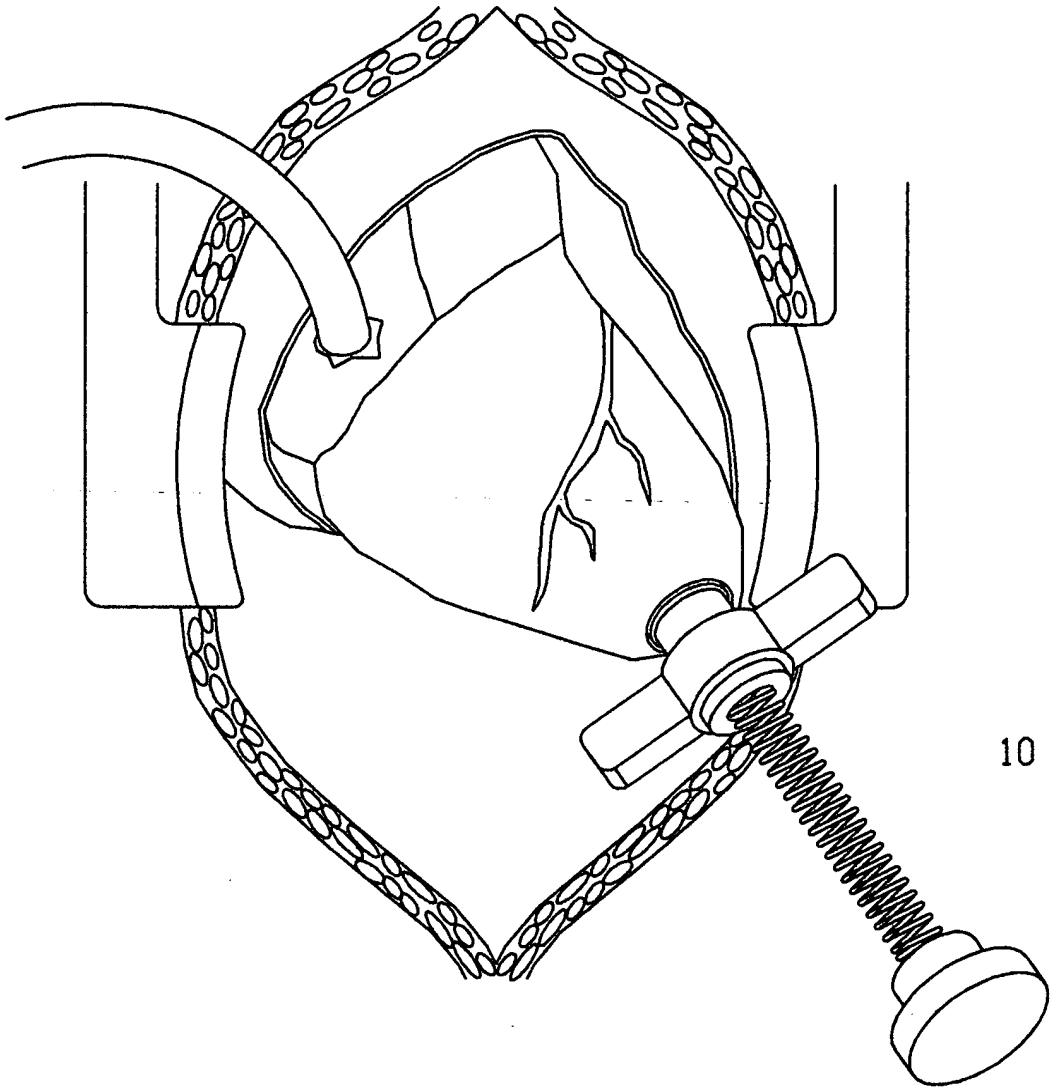

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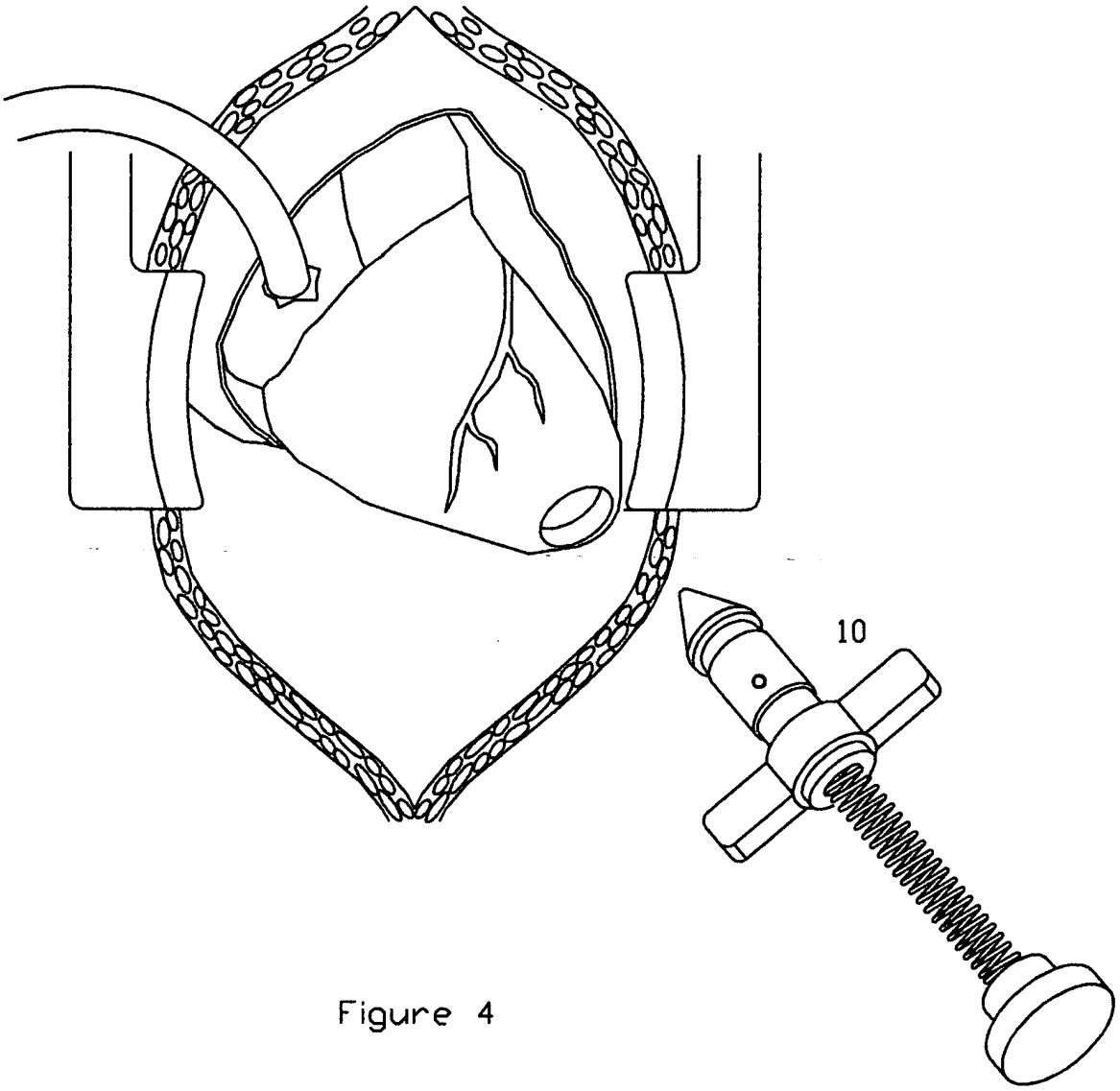

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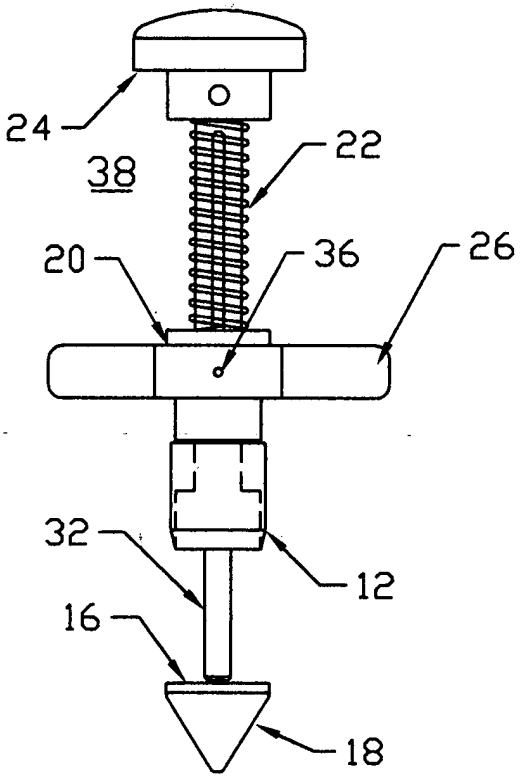

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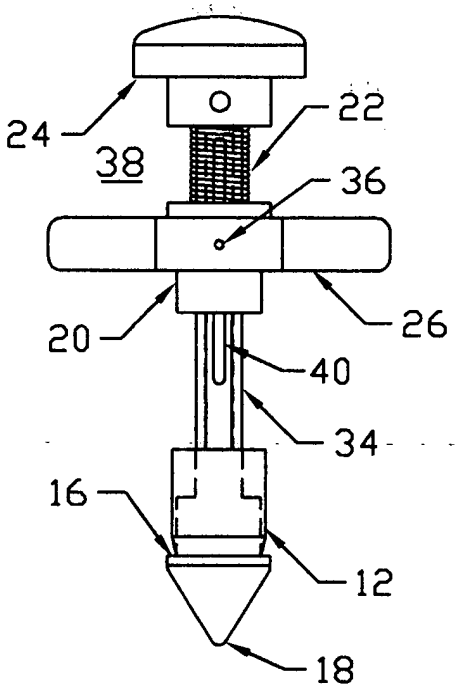

Figure 5B